



of the United States forces elsewhere, but from the  
Department of War I can obtain from the War  
Department the number of troops in the States. I  
believe that the United States troops are,

In Western Virginia, about.....	30,000
In Kentucky.....	40,000
In Missouri.....	90,000
In Fort Monroe.....	11,000
Total.....	161,000

Besides this, I am informed that more than  
thirty States are in progress of organization in other  
Northern States.

I would, therefore, recommend that, not  
interfering with Kentucky, there should be re-  
cruited in Western Virginia and Missouri, a  
sufficient number of volunteers for offensive purposes, and that  
the surplus troops be sent to the Army of the Potomac,  
to enable it to assume the offensive;

The same course be pursued in respect to  
the States of Tennessee and farthest Southern  
expeditions be attempted until we have fought  
that great battle in front of us.

of the battery were strained to hasten the departure of the men and armament of the new batteries and regiments of infantry. C. That all the battalions now raised for new regiments of frontier infantry be at once ordered to march to the frontier by the shortest and safest route, and that the infantry of the 1st Cavalry, en route from California, be ordered to this army immediately on their arrival in New York.

2. That the objects, in a general manner, to be accomplished, and the means by which we may gain our ends.

3. That the employment of these means will be in conformity with the views of the President in his opinion, and that the President be authorized to assume, successfully, the reason, the motive, the end, and the means of the offensive operations, which, ever since entering the service, have been the object of my anxious desire and diligent effort to prepare for and prosecute.

The advance should not be postponed beyond the 1st of November, and should be avoided if. Unity in councils, the most rapid

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**GENERAL:** In accordance with verbal instructions given you by the undersigned for your sailing with Flag Officer Goldsborough, Fort Monroe, proceed, under his command, to the mouth of the York River, and make such connection with him, take the most prompt measures for crossing the fast over the Raleigh and Roanoke bridges, and, in the event of the accompanying General Order, constituting the Department of North Carolina, you will be required to report to the commanding officer, and make such dispositions in regard to land places as your ulterior operations may require. In the event of a change of position in the safety of that very important position in any contingency. Your first point of destination will be the mouth of the York River. It is presumed that the undersigned desires the batteries in the marshes, and cover the mouth of the York River, and the main land, which, in connection with the batteries in the marshes, will be the northern extremity of the peninsula. If the battery is reduced, it may be placed to capture the main land, and the place. Having occupied the island and the batteries, you will at once proceed to the destruction of the fortifications, and endeavor to hold the position with a small force. The commanding officer requires any assistance in securing the necessary defense of the canal from Norfolk, you will please afford it as a high priority.

The Commodore and yourself, having completed your arrangements in regard to Roanoke

land and the waters north of it, you will have a chance to take the place of the rebels, having gained possession of which and the railroad passing through it, you will at once have a sufficient force upon hand to take the steps necessary to capture Newbern and open that port. When the reinforcements favor such a movement, the circumstances will be such that the people, the rebel force at hand, and the force going forward determining the question of the capture of Newbern will be completely and held. Should circumstances render it desirable to seize and hold Raleigh, the force going south line of railroad passing through Goldsboro will be easily destroyed, for considerable distances north and south of that point, as to render it impossible for the rebels to have any advantage. A great point would be gained, in any event, by the effectual destruction of the railroad between Newbern and Goldsboro. It would avoid great obstacles to the march into the interior as upon Raleigh, and

implied the object mentioned, the next  
 of interest would probably be Wining-  
 ton, the relations of which to the other  
 additional means shall be afforded you.  
 I would urge great caution in regard to  
 proclamations and orders. I can be-  
 lieve a moderate joint proclamation from  
 a civil commander, which should say little  
 possible about politics, or the negro; mere-  
 ly that the Government is determined on  
 upholding the preservation of the Union,  
 and abiding the laws of the General Govern-  
 ment, would be better than any order  
 issued properly will, as far as possible,  
 be omitted in their persons and property. You  
 will protect your operations as often as  
 possible by military force.  
 With my best wishes for your success, I am,  
 Sir,  
 G. B. McLELLAN,  
 Major-General Commanding-in-Chief.

of the Department of Missouri, it is probably unnecessary for me to state that I have no objection to your doing so, which requires the most exact decision.

You have not merely the ordinary duties of a military commander to perform, but the duty of a statesman, and in the course of it, of changing, probably, the majority of the personnel of the staff of the department, and of making, in consequence, a very consistent use of the interests and necessities of the state, a system of reckless expenditure and perhaps unheard of before in the history of our country.

You will find in your department many men and officers holding illegal commissions, and you will be obliged to have them approved by the President or Secretary of War. You will please at once inform them of the illegality of their appointments, and see that no pay or other emolument is sent them until such time as commissions may be authorized by the President or Secretary of War.

If any of them give the slightest trouble, you will at once arrest them and send them to the military prison at Fort Mifflin, and inform them that if they do not

You will please examine into the legality of the above mentioned contract, and report to this department. When you find any illegal, unneeded, or improper organizations, you will refer to the officers and men an opportunity to be heard in their own defense, and to the several laws and orders from the War Department, reporting in full to these headquarters any officer or organization that may deserve punishment.

You will please cause competent and reliable staff officers to examine all existing contracts, and to report to this department on them until you receive the report of the staff officers. When there is the slightest doubt as to the propriety of the contract, you will be required to suspend the contract with the organizations, to these headquarters stating in case what would be a fair compensation for the services or material rendered under the contract.

of material or fact. For any doubtful extract, Arrest and order to prompt trial of officers who have in any way violated their duty to the Government. In regard to the political conduct of officers, you will please labor to impress upon the inhabitants of Missouri and the adjacent States that we are fighting solely for the integrity of the Union, to uphold the power of our National Government, and to restore to the nation the blessings of peace and good order.

With respect to military operations, it is established, from the evidence,

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ment will be best served by fortifying and holding in considerable strength, Fort...  
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